

In re Patent Application of  
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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful and thorough examination of the present application and for indicating that dependent Claims 7, 23, and 28 recite patentable subject matter.

The Examiner rejected independent Claims 1, 17, 26, and 32 over Hwang '407 in view of Zwern, Applicant's Admitted Prior Art, Nykerk, Voss or Leen et al., and further in view of Hwang '697 and Issa et al. and separately over Hwang '407 in view of Zwern, Nykerk, Boreham et al. and further in view of Hwang '697 and Issa et al.

Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 17, 26, and 32 to more clearly define the claimed invention over the prior art. More specifically, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 17, and 32 to recite "an audible pre-warn indicator carried by the housing and connected independently of the data communications bus to the multi-stage sensor." Applicant submits that this claim amendment is supported by Figures 5-6 and paragraphs 41-42 of the present application.

Applicant has amended independent Claim 26 to recite "an alarm circuit connected independently of the data communications bus to said multi-stage sensor and interfacing with the data communications bus extending throughout the vehicle and carrying data and address information thereover for switching between armed and disarmed operational modes responsive to the mode change signal on the data communications bus." Applicant submits that this claim amendment is supported by Figure 7 and paragraphs 46-47 of the

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present application. Applicant further submits that no new matter is being introduced by these amendments and that the prior art references fail to disclose or fairly suggest these claimed features.

Accordingly, it is submitted that amended independent Claims 1, 17, 26, and 32 are patentable over the prior art. Their respective dependent claims, which recite yet further distinguishing features, are also patentable over the prior art and require no further discussion herein.

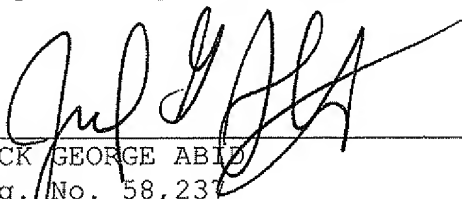
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**CONCLUSIONS**

In view of the amendments to the claims and the arguments presented above, it is submitted that all of the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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